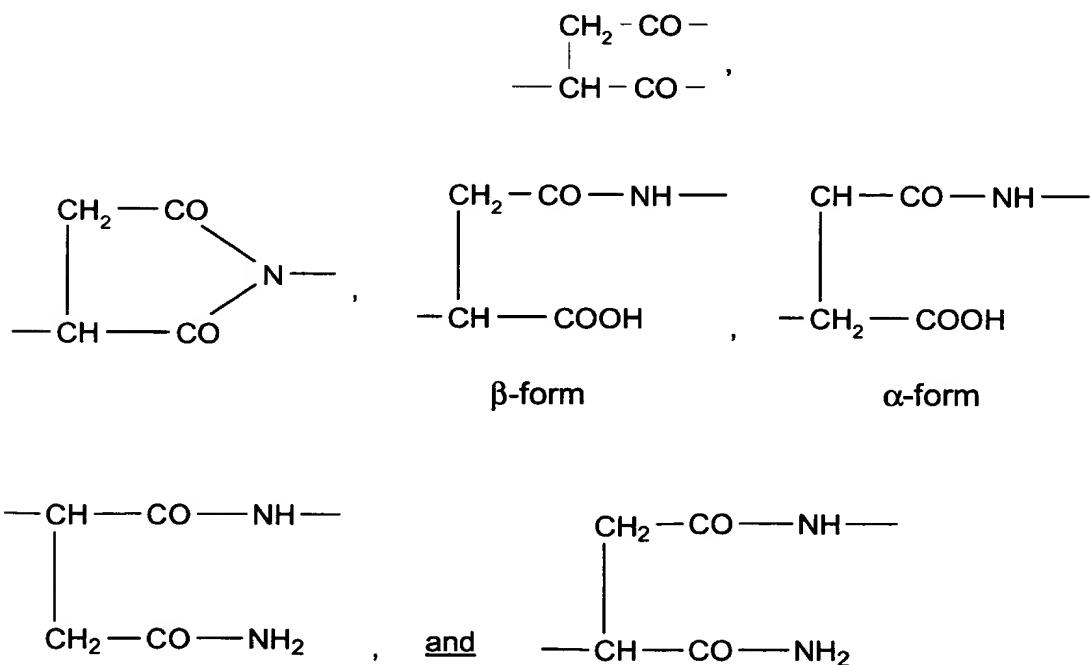


IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claim 4, 8-13 and add new Claim 14:

1. (Currently Amended) A composition for water treatment comprising:
 - a) biodegradable organic polymers having repeating succinyl units
 - b) a biocidal oxidizing agent, and
 - c) an unsubstituted or substituted amidosulphonic acid.
2. (Previously Amended) The composition of Claim 1, wherein the amidosulphonic acid comprises $\text{H}_2\text{NSO}_3\text{H}$.
3. (Previously Amended) The composition according to Claim 1, wherein the biodegradable organic polymers have repeating succinyl units of the structures selected from the group consisting of



4. (Currently Cancelled).

5. (Previously Amended) The composition according to Claim 1, wherein the biocidal oxidizing agent is hydrogen peroxide, chlorine, bromine, chlorine dioxide, hypochlorite, hypobromite, or ozone or a reaction product of (i) a component selected from the group consisting of hydrogen peroxide, chlorine, bromine, chlorine dioxide, hypochlorite, hypobromite, and ozone and (ii) water.

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6-7 (Previously Cancelled).

8-13 (Currently Cancelled).

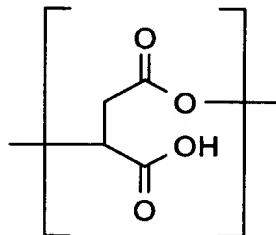
14. (New) A composition for water treatment comprising:

a) biodegradable organic polymers having repeating succinyl units

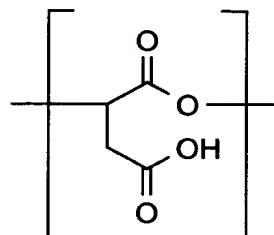
b) a biocidal oxidizing agent *and (l3)*

c) an unsubstituted or substituted amidosulphonic acid, wherein the
biodegradable organic polymers contain repeating units of the formulae

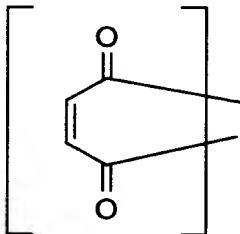
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B²
a) maleic acid units of the formula



and



b) maleic acid and fumaric acid units of the formula



and

